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SUBJ: SIERRA LEONE AND ISRAEL

REF: FREETOWN 1890 (NOTAL)

1. WE DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH ISRAELI MISSION AUGUST 8. ISRAELIS RECEIVED SUGGESTION WITH CNSIDERABLY LESS ENTHUSIASM THAN THAT WITH WHICH IT WAS OFFERED. HANNON YAVAH APPARENTLY IS A FORMER ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA, A WELL-QUALIFIED AND POPULAR MAN, BUT ONE WHO NOW IS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND, IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION FROM THE ISRAELIS, ON THE OUTS WITH THE CURRENT RABIN GOVERNMENT. FURTHER, THE ISRAELIS HERE WHO DEAL WITH AFRICA DO NOT SEEM VERY TAKEN WITH BLYDEN. THEY ARE AWARE OF SIERRA LEONE'S ROLE AT KAMAPALA, AND IT IS NOT CONFIDENCE OVER THE OUTCOME OF LIMA WHICH DICTATES THEIR SENTIMENT, BUT THEY CLEARLY ARE RELUCTANT TO COURT, HOWEVER DISCREETLY, EITHER BLYDEN OR SIERRA LEONE.

2. WE SUSPECT THERE IS MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE: PERHAPS PERSONALITY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ISRAELIS HERE AND YAVAH ON THE ONE HAND AND BLYDEN ON THE OTHER. FYI: CONFIDENTIAL

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ISRAELI AMBASSADOR SOFFER MAY BE SENT FROM NEW YORK TO

ATTEND LIMA MEETINGS. HE IS THEIR NUMBER FOUR MAN HERE.
CONCEIVABLY, SOFFER MAY NOT WISH TO BE UPSTAGED IN HIS
EFFORTS BY PROMOTING A ROLE FOR YAVAH. END FYI. WHILE WE
OBVIOUSLY ARE INTERESTED IN ENCOURAGING OUTCOME FAVORABLE
TO ISRAELIS AT LIMA, WE SUSPECT THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE
AHEAD OF THE ISRAELIS ON LOBBYING EFFORTS WITH BLYDEN
IN NEW YORK.

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